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WE learn from *Nature* that the following arrangements have been made for the opening of the winter session of certain of the British medical schools. At Guy's Hospital (in connection with the Physical Society), Sir R. Douglas Powell will deliver an address on October 8 entitled "Just Procedure of Medicine"; Dr. Charles Slater is to speak on October 1 at St. George's Hospital on "The Laboratory in Medical Education and Practice"; on the same date an address will be delivered at the Middlesex Hospital by Dr. A. M. Kellas; at King's College Hospital Professor Alexander MacAlister, F.R.S., will deliver an address on October 1; Sir Edward Fry, F.R.S., is to speak at University College Hospital on October 2. At St. Mary's Hospital, on October 1, an address is to be given by Sir John Broadbent; Dr. Harrington Sainsbury is to speak on the same day at the London School of Medicine for Women; at the West London Postgraduate College an address is to be given on October 13 by Sir R. Douglas Powell; Dr. R. Jones is to speak on "Insanity, Wit and Humor" on October 1 at the Polyclinic; at the Northeast London Postgraduate College Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., is to speak on October 8; Sir T. Clifford Allbutt, K.C.B., F.R.S., is to give an address at the University of Manchester, on October 1, on "Hospitals, Medical Science and Public Health"; and at University College, Bristol, on October 1, Sir Rubert Boyce, F.R.S., is to speak.

ACCORDING to foreign journals, steps are being taken by the commonwealth government in regard to the adoption of uniform food standards throughout Australia. Under the present system each state fixes its own standards, the result being considerable variance, and consequent annoyance and expense to manufacturers and importers. Now that a commonwealth analyst has been appointed, the way is cleared for federal action, and the proposal is made for a conference of commonwealth and state expert authorities with the object of discussing the basis of united legislation.

FOREIGN papers state that news has been received from the *Jacques Cartier*, the ship of the French Arctic Expedition, which started in April. After touching at Hammerfest, the ship crossed Barent's Sea and reached the Bailutsia Fjord in Novaya Zemlya, where extensive surveying was undertaken, leading to the discovery of several uncharted fjords. The first sledge expedition left the ship on July 25 with provisions for 20 days, intending to cross Novaya Zemlya from west to east, and it was followed by a second six days later. The expedition will probably not winter in Barent's Sea, but will return to Norway and remain there till the spring.

THE Central University of Equador at Quito publishes the following notice requesting exchanges in its monthly "Anales": "The University of Quito, desiring to increase its museums of zoology, botany, mineralogy and ethnology by means of exchanges with public and private museums, has resolved to invite the correspondence of parties who wish to exchange for collections of *Ecudorian fauna, flora, etc.* Those who wish to have sent any particular specimen or collection (*e. g.*, an ornithological collection) have only to apply to the rector or the secretary of the Central University of Equador at Quito."

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of the late John B. Brown, of Chicago, the bulk of his wealth, estimated at \$7,000,000, is to be devoted to establishing and maintaining a technical school at Ipswich, Mass. A high-school education or its equivalent will be prerequisite for admission, thus placing the school among the higher institutions of learning.

By the will of Henry J. Braker, of New York City, Tufts College receives a bequest of \$500,000, to be known as the Henry J. Braker fund, the income to be used for the establishment of a school of commerce, accounts and finance. Mr. Braker also bequeaths \$1,000,000 to establish a home for aged people.

PRESIDENT JOHN H. FINLEY announces that the Board of Aldermen has increased the an-

nual appropriation for the College of the City of New York by the sum of \$40,000.

At the Carnegie Technical Schools, Pittsburgh, two new buildings in the group for the School of Applied Science have just been erected, and will be ready for occupancy in October. They double the facilities for instruction in this department of the institution, giving 150,000 additional square feet of floor space. The construction is absolutely fire-proof throughout, and the laboratory and class-room equipment is of the most modern type. John H. Leete, A.B., becomes dean of the school. New appointments to the faculty include Norman C. Riggs, M.S., assistant professor of mathematics; F. P. Colette, B.L., assistant professor of modern languages; F. W. Witherell, S.E., instructor in sanitary engineering, and John A. Schaeffer, Ph.D., assistant instructor in chemistry.

DR. CHARLES H. JUDD, professor of psychology at Yale University, has been elected dean of the school of education and head professor of the department of education at the University of Chicago, the appointment to take effect at the close of the present academic year.

DR. FLETCHER BASCOM DRESSLER, associate professor of education in the University of California, has been appointed to the chair of philosophy and education in the University of Alabama, vacant by the removal of Professor Edward Franklin Buchner to the Johns Hopkins University.

DR. G. A. TAWNEY, of the University of Illinois, has been elected professor of philosophy in the University of Cincinnati, to succeed Professor H. Heath Bawden.

DR. PAUL G. WOOLEY, who for the last five years has been director of the Siamese Government Serum Laboratory in Phrapatoom and chief inspector of health and medical adviser to the minister of the interior, has accepted the position of associate professor of clinical pathology in the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha.

At Northwestern University, Dr. George R. Mansfield, of Harvard University, has been appointed assistant professor of geology, to

succeed Professor J. W. Goldthwait, who goes to Dartmouth College. Professor Mansfield will begin work in February, 1909. Mr. C. E. Decker has been appointed instructor in geology at Northwestern University for the first half of the present year. Mr. D. F. Higgins, Jr., has been appointed to an assistantship, and Professor J. H. Cline, of Bridgewater College, Virginia, to a fellowship in the same department.

In the department of geology of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Chas. N. Gould, while still being retained as head of the department, has relinquished his work of teaching and is devoting his time to the new Oklahoma Geological Survey, of which he is the director. Dr. D. W. Ohern, until recently associate professor of geology at Bryn Mawr College, has taken up Dr. Gould's work in the university, and is being assisted by Mr. Pierce Larkin. Mr. Chester A. Reeds has resigned his position as associate professor in the department, having been elected to a position in the department of geology in the University of Cincinnati.

THE following appointments have been made in the school of civil engineering, Purdue University: instructor in structural engineering, Mr. W. A. Knapp, graduate of the University of Illinois, class of 1907; instructor in hydraulic engineering, Mr. R. B. Wiley, graduate of the University of Michigan, class of 1906; assistant in surveying, Mr. J. H. Lowry, Purdue 1908; assistant in railway engineering, Mr. N. A. Lago, Purdue 1906.

THE following appointments and changes are announced for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute for the ensuing year: Professor John E. Sinclair, who has held the position of professor of mathematics for thirty-nine years, retires on the Carnegie pension. Professor Levi L. Conant becomes the head of the department of mathematics on the retirement of Professor Sinclair. Two new appointments to the faculty have been made: Carleton A. Read, M.E., professor of steam engineering, who comes to the institute from the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and Arthur D. Butterfield, B.S.,

A.M., assistant professor of mathematics. Professor Butterfield is a graduate of the class of 1893, and was formerly instructor in civil engineering at the institute. For the past ten years he has been professor of mathematics at the University of Vermont. A number of appointments have also been made to the corps of instructors as follows: Robert H. Goddard, B.S., W.P.I., '08, instructor in physics; John F. Mangold, B.S., Cornell, Iowa, '07, instructor in civil engineering; Dr. W. F. Holman, University of Nebraska and University of Göttingen, instructor in physics; James A. Bullard, A.B., Williams, '08, instructor in mathematics; Royal W. Davenport, B.S., W.P.I., '08, instructor in civil engineering; Charles J. Adams, A.B., Amherst, '96, instructor in modern languages; J. Howard Redfield, A.B., Haverford, '99, and B.S. M.I.T., '02, instructor in mathematics; Albert A. Nims, B.S., W.P.I., '08, graduate assistant in electrical engineering; John C. Harvey, B.S., W.P.I., '08, Alden W. Baldwin, B.S., W.P.I., '08, and Richmond W. Smith, B.S., W.P.I., '08, graduate assistants in mechanical engineering.

H. J. EUSTACE has been appointed professor of horticulture in the Michigan Agricultural College and horticulturist of the experiment station. He graduated at the Michigan Agricultural College in 1901 and for five years was assistant botanist at the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y., and for the past two years has been connected with the Fruit Storage and Transportation Investigations of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

VICTOR T. WILSON, instructor in drawing, Cornell University, 1893 to 1903, professor of engineering drawing, State College (Pennsylvania), 1907-8, has been elected professor of drawing and design in the Michigan Agricultural College.

THE following are the new appointments in the science departments of the University of Maine: L. H. Merrill, Sc.D., professor of biological and agricultural chemistry; F. L. Russell, B.S., V.S., professor of bacteriology

and veterinary science; Wallace Craig, Ph.D., professor of philosophy; L. E. Woodman, M.A., assistant professor of physics; V. R. Gardner, M.S., assistant professor of horticulture; W. A. Brown, B.S.A., assistant professor of animal industry; C. E. Lewis, Ph.D., associate vegetable pathologist; M. R. Curtis, M.A., assistant in biology; H. N. Conser, M.S., instructor in botany; E. M. Wallace, B.A., instructor in biology; J. L. Coon, Ph.B., tutor in physics; E. A. Garlock, B.S., tutor in physics; J. P. Farnsworth, B.S., tutor in drawing; R. K. Steward, B.S., tutor in civil engineering; A. G. Durgin, B.S., assistant in chemistry.

QUOTATIONS

AN EDUCATIONAL PARADOX

A EUROPEAN would be put to his wit's ends by the recent Chicago dispatch announcing that a professor of philosophy is about to exchange his university chair for one in a theological seminary in order to enjoy greater academic freedom. "America is more topsyturvy than China!" the bewildered foreigner might ejaculate. "A university is the very citadel of intellectual liberty; a theological school, dogma's safest stronghold." Reference to catalogues would not clear his mind. The university in question declares that it "was not established with a view of forcing on the attention of students the creed of any particular church, but for the promotion of learning under influences conducive to the formation of manly Christian character." Its charter "carefully provides that no particular religious faith shall be required of those who become students at the institution." Surely, then, if students are not to be reminded of any doctrine, their instructors can not be expected to insinuate one into their professional utterances. In the seminary, on the other hand, teachers and learners are supposed to accept at least the broader Christian dogmas and to center their studies about these. Can the European, noting such facts at long range, be blamed for distrusting the whole story? The paradox may well confuse even our own countrymen who have not been